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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND FEE AUTHORIZATION**

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Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. This is a request for a further extension of two months from October 4, 2004 to December 6, 2004 (December 4th and 5th being weekend days). Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1030 the amount of \$435.00, to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 for any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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